

The sea will have to yield up from its great grave of many fathoms deep the forms of those, once so dearly loved on earth, to meet again and re-unite where no destructive elements can ever separate them more. It is a happy thought, this resurrected meeting and greeting of century-separated dear ones!

One of the first shipwrecks, authentically related, as having occurred at Gannet Rock, was a brig bound from Boston to the River St. John, N. B., in the year 1759. There were, independent of officers and crew, nearly one hundred persons, intending settlers in New Brunswick. A number were drowned, whose bodies were never recovered. The survivors, passengers and crew, after temporarily repairing the only boat saved, landed at Deep Cove, where they remained until the next spring, when they were taken to L'Etang in a small sloop.

In 1831, the brig *Rosemont*, bound for St. John, N. B., with a general cargo, met her doom at Gannet Rock; and in November 1845, the barque *Mary*, of and from London, was also wrecked here, and the second mate drowned.

It was in the year 1831 that the commerce of St. John City having largely increased, and, as a consequence, the shipping of the port increased in equal ratio, that the enterprising merchants deemed it necessary, for the protection of the commercial interests, to crown the head of Gannet Rock with a shining light at night. The necessity of the case calling for action, the citizens of St. John City, with a business activity (for which they are noted up to date, and will probably as long as Fort Howe looks down upon them, or Hazen's Crows Nest smiles in approval), began the work of erection as a Government work. It seemed to the Gannets an undue interference with time's vested rights to them; for thousands of sea-fowl had been the undisturbed possessors of Menaskook for centuries. Poor Gannets! Dispossessed and summarily of your fair inheritance, at once and forever.

The name John Purvis is identified with Gannet Rock lighthouse as the builder; while Joseph Hogg merits mention as the one who put up the lantern, or light-room; and, to make the trio complete, a Captain Lamb paid due respect to Christmas-eve, A. D. 1831, by